



"Shut the Door on Lead Poisoning"

Governor Mike Easley has issued a proclamation declaring October as Lead Awareness Month here in North Carolina. Nationally, the week of October 24 – 30, 2004 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week and this year's campaign is titled "Shut the Door on Lead Poisoning." The NC Children's Environmental Health Branch within the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Health, will conduct and host various events throughout this month in recognition of the seriousness of childhood lead poisoning. A number of other health and housing agencies in NC will also be participating in these events. According to that agency, approximately 434,000 children across the United States and over 2,200 in North Carolina are exposed to lead-based paint hazards annually.

For more information, go to the [NC Children's Environmental Health Branch Web site](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Web site](#).